“Satanic Panic” spurs anti-ritual legislation in Texas

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Presents S.B. 30 in response to “growing problem in Texas with ritual abuse and murder.” It became effective September 1989 allowing law enforcement to determine the scope of the “Satanic Panic.” The Satanic ritual murder of Mark Kilroy, a Texas student, spurred lawmakers to create a bill in response to the mass panic.
Senator Whitmire creates bill 1076 striking S.B. 30 from penal code four years later.

- The new bill reconfigures the severity of offenses based on factors of intent of the person, the interests of the state, and whether a crime involves a victim.
- Capital murder would be the only offense within it’s category.